

Esther 5

Esther 5.1-8

V 1-2 – **What did the king do when Esther approached the throne?** Extended the scepter
-the first crisis had been reached and overcome

V 3-4 – The king wanted to know what he could do for Esther
-In the Hebrew language, *Esther 5.4* contains an acrostic for the name of God – Elohim
-**Esther's reply?** For the king and Haman to have dinner with her that day

V 5 – The king and Haman ate with Esther

V 6-7 – The king wanted to know what Esther wanted

V 8 – **Her reply?** To eat with me tomorrow, and I'll make my request
-**Why did she delay?** -Maybe scared, but probably to increase the interest (like having to wait until Christmas to open presents)
-**What were the risks of the delay?** Maybe she would be discovered to be Jewish, or maybe the king's good mood would change

Esther 5.9-14

V 9 – **Haman's attitude?** Filled with hatred toward Mordecai; full of pride for himself

V 10-12 – **What did Haman do?** Went over all his accomplishments (including getting to eat in the queen's house) - He was totally full of pride
-But that was not enough – Mordecai was still an irritant

V 14 – **What did Haman's wife recommend?** For him to build a gallows and hang Mordecai on it (simple, wasn't it?)
-Haman had the gallows built
-The gallows = about 75 feet high (maybe on some high building or hill – for all people to see
-So Haman was going to take care of that irritating Jew

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